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1. Dr. Strähler*, Chief of the Research and Development Department of the Ober-
spreewerke (OSW), quit on 31 July 1949 and is said to have taken a job with
OSRAM in Berlin. His position has been filled by Dr. Hachenberg.**
2. Dr. Heinrich Bruckmann, in charge of instrument development, has returned
to work after a prolonged absence due to illness and has been offered the
position of Chief of the Production Department of OSW. He has so far not
accepted. The Production Department is temporarily directed by Herr Lau,
former Chief of the Receiver Tube Section. Lau took the job of Chief of
Production very reluctantly and accepted only on condition that he would be
relieved by 1 August 1949.
3. Herr Malschow, an excellent tube production expert, has not returned from
his leave.
4. Dr. Neuer, formerly in charge of chemical processing, has died. His
successor is Josef Lesinsky.
5. Herr Diesel, of the Designing Office for High Frequency Measuring Instru-
ments, has given notice.
6. The Soviet woman, Paltnova, who replaced Akulin in the Research and Develop-
ment Department, has not moved into the office provided for her. She will
remain only a short time at OSW and then leave for Gorki, USSR, to take up
a position in a tube factory similar to the one at OSW.
7. Dr. Oertel, who has been reported missing, is actually sick. He lately has
been given a lot of publicity in the SED-sponsored newspapers and had been
promoted for the National Prize.***
8. Shortly after Herr Lorentz**** took over the directorship of the plant
Tube production
is to be stepped up to three times its present capacity. The cost for the
necessary additional installation of machinery has been estimated at 700,000

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DM (East). Additional space will be rented from the NEF,***** Berlin-Oberschöneweide, Ostendstrasse 1-5. This expansion is probably connected with the intention of the SMA to flood the Western Zone with East Zone consumer goods and products.

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9. Aside from its overtly manufactured tubes, the OSW also produces "Blauschrift-röhren"***** and "Bildwandlerröhren",*****

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10. During the month of May, only one-sixth of the production quota for television tubes and "Blauschrift-röhren" was met. The main reason for this is the bad quality of the luminous substance [redacted] no fitting substitute for the quality produced [redacted] has been found, not even with the Auer Co. Tests with luminous substance are now being made in Liebenstein (sic, probably Liebenstein near Arnstadt, Thuringia). In addition, OSW tries to obtain luminous substance which is produced in or near Heidelberg. The latter material is considered to be of excellent quality.

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11. Dr. Eckardt and Fräulein Halden, the last remaining specialists for "Bildwandlerröhren", have been removed from their regular department and are allegedly working on the electron microscope. Actually they are known to be still working on "Bildwandlerröhren".

Comments:

* Dr. Ströhler was mentioned [redacted] as former Technical Director of OSW

** Dr. Hachenberg was mentioned [redacted] as having resigned as Chief Engineer at OSW but remaining as Director of the Experimental Plant.

*** Dr. Oertel was mentioned [redacted] as having resigned from OSW before the distribution of the prize. The prize reportedly went to two physicists, Drescher and Jelitto, and to eight mechanics who participated in the project.

**** Herr Lorentz (Lorenz) was mentioned [redacted] as former Director of the Production Plant. Report also states that he has provisionally taken over the technical direction of the plant.

***** [redacted] after 1 January 1950, the NEF is to be taken over by the OSW in order to expand the wire plant.

***** "Blauschrift-röhren" are blue trace tubes.

***** "Bildwandlerröhren" is a trade name for infrared tubes.

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